

REMARKS

New claims 8-14 have been added. Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 8-14 are currently pending in the above application.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the foreign priority document.

Claim Objections

In response to the Examiner's claim objections, Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion and rewritten the currently pending claims as new claims.

35 USC §112

The claims have been rewritten to overcome the Examiner's rejection under this section. In particular, the term "ionic" has been deleted from the claims. In addition, claims 10 and 12 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection and rejection.

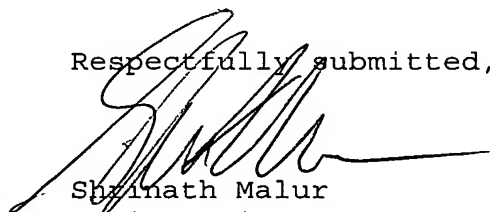
REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite prosecution of this application, since only formal matters remain.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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